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One of the best ways to save money for your family or your small business is to "go green", by using energy smarter and more efficiently. From weatherizing your home to using energy efficient light bulbs and appliances, saving energy isn't just good for the environment, it's good for your wallet too.

Below are a list of links where you can get information on your family or business can save money by going green.

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How can I save money at **home** while going green?

- [U.S. Department of Energy Weatherization Assistance Program Website](#)
- [Illinois Weatherization Assistance Program Website](#)
- [U.S. Department of Energy No-Cost and Low-Cost Ways to Save Energy and Money](#)
- [U.S. Department of Energy How to Find Where You Can Save Money at Home](#)

How do I save money at my **small business** while going green?

- [Small Business Administration Energy Saving Tips](#)
- [Small Business Administration Going Green Facts](#)

What are some tips and ideas on how to save more **now** around the home?

- Install a programmable thermostat to keep your house comfortably warm in the winter and comfortably cool in the summer, when you plan to be at home
- Use insulation on your hot water heater
- Use compact fluorescent light bulbs
- Air dry dishes instead of using your dishwasher's drying cycle
- Turn off your computer and monitor when not in use
- Plug home electronics, such as TVs and DVD players, into power strips; turn the power

strips off when the equipment is not in use (TVs and DVDs in standby mode still use several watts of power)

- Lower the thermostat on your hot water heater to 120°F.
- Look for the ENERGY STAR label on home appliances and products. ENERGY STAR products meet strict efficiency guidelines set by the U.S. Department of Energy and the Environmental Protection Agency.